

BETTER PROTECTION FROM FIRE PROPOSED

City Authorities Make Thorough Investigation and Prepare Plans For Better Facilities For Entire Town. More Fire Apparatus Will Be Secured And New Steel Pipes Laid.

At the regular meeting of the city council last Wednesday night several men who have knowledge of the situation as well as experience in fighting fire were called in to advise with the council and suggest ways and means to give Burns better fire protection. As a result it is the intention of the authorities to take immediate steps toward this end.

It has been realized for some time that the present equipment is inadequate and that some additional apparatus should be provided, but the city has always been handicapped in a financial way and had many places to put what money was received from various sources from time to time. It had not been a matter of negligence upon the part of the authorities, but rather on account of lack of funds which they could convert to such a purpose that has kept the matter back. The fire of last week has caused a more thorough arousing of the property owners to the necessity of better protection and the council will act upon it at once.

It is proposed to purchase an additional pumping engine of 55-horse power which will be mounted on trucks as a means of taking it to the most available well in case of fire, this to substitute the old hand pumping engine which is rather antiquated, besides a source of "grief" in a way as it is hard to man it in an emergency. Men who are not accustomed to violent exercise do not make good on the hand pump as the experience of last week showed when they would not last two minutes on the pump and do effective work. In connection with the new engine will also be purchased a rotary pump of sufficient capacity for the purpose. Two thousand feet of five inch

steel pipe will be purchased to be placed in two most available places from the wells on the flat to different places on the hill, and 1000 feet of hose with a cart will be added to be housed at the most convenient place on the hill to connect up with the steel pipes when needed.

This entire equipment will cost less than \$2500 and will be the means of greatly reducing the fire risk and help save property that is now practically without any fire protection under the present system.

The purchase of this additional equipment will entail some outlay, but it is all practical and should a water system be put in the near future some of it can be used to an advantage while the remainder may be disposed of to good advantage. The plan discussed at the meeting was to have the steel pipe laid on a grade from two different parts of town for instance one from a well in the neighborhood of the J. C. Welcome Sr. or Farre sections in that portion of the residence district while another be laid from main street west from The Times-Herald building or other convenient street to the hill portion of town. The big engines could be attached at either place needed and with 1000 feet of hose on the hill the water could be conducted to almost any building up there. The steel pipe need not be placed underground as it should drain itself when not in use, the only precaution being to protect it at street crossings.

This is a wise move on the part of the council and should be commended by all property owners. Some means must be provided for immediate use as the matter of a water system must be carefully considered before undertaken and will require time to finance and install.

ORIGINAL "MUTT" OREGON CITIZEN IS GUEST HERE

Bud Fisher's "Model" Brings Coyote Hides and Skins Of Other Animals. Tells How He Came To Be 'Goat'

One of the most unique characters in all Oregon, the man who is said to be the original "Mutt" in the pictures from Bud Fisher's pen, which appear in The Journal, is a guest in Portland, in the person of Tom Stevens of Burns, Harney county, says the Journal.

Tall, round shouldered, keen eyed and deliberate, Stevens only by his actions suggests the famous cartoons by means of which Fisher has exemplified the world-old habit of the strong imposing upon and bullying the weak.

Where Mutt has merely blots for eyes, Stevens has gray optics that make him one of the surest shots in all the 10,000 square miles of Harney county. Where Mutt has a finger-like protuberance, Stevens has an olfactory appendage, well shaped, and not at all large, when compared with the square jaw beneath. You notice that Mutt hasn't a jaw at all, except what he conceals somewhere in the region of his Adam's apple.

Stevens is at the Imperial. He freighted into Portland one of the best lot of furs seen here since the days when everyone could wear fur and the cost of high living wasn't so much the subject of anathema and essay because the city nor its frivolity gave cause.

Here's the story they tell about the way Tom Stevens was immortalized as "Mutt" by Bud Fisher:

Stevens once played a skillful game at low risks. Also he followed the races all over the country. His little friend, who was always with him, was Scotty Bailey. A game or a race would go wrong and Stevens would turn on Scotty with horrible reviling and sometimes the physical violence which Fisher depicts by means of skull bumps and black eyes. Before Scotty died—he died a good while ago—it is related that Fisher, then an obscure western cartoonist, ran across the strangely assorted pair.

In a half dozen frames daily he made them traverse the gamut of all that a bully knows.

"Ah, I tell yah, an enemy started that tale on me," protested Stevens, half angry, but still grinning. "Why, he set fire to his house to get the insurance, and stayed in so long he almost burned himself. I tell yah now how it was: There was a little game and this fellow lost \$800. Then he tried to sue me and get it back. What do y' know about that? The idea of him thinkin' he could get it back. I won the case. Then he started this story on me. I reckon its gone a long ways now. That's the way with things that knocks a feller."

To Portland the fur buyer brought this time the hides of 400 Harney coyotes, which are transformed into robes. He has many muskrats, some otter and 100 wild cats, and he thinks he will ship the pelts east.

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RAILROADS UNDERPAID FOR MAIL SERVICE

They State That The Parcel Post Will Increase Service Demanded Without Additional Remuneration Which Is Liable To Entail A Loss Compelling Them To Curtail Their Handling Of The Mail Business

"When Congress authorized the establishment of the parcels post it made no provision for the remuneration of the railroads, which will be compelled to carry this additional business free for some years unless the national law makers authorize an earlier adjustment of the existing contracts," said Mr. J. P. O'Brien, Vice-President and General Manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company to a representative of this paper.

"The committee on railway mail pay, representing 214,275 miles of railway in the United States, operated by 268 companies, has issued a statement containing facts and figures which prove that the railway mail pay does not equal the operating expenses that it makes necessary, leaving nothing for return upon the value of the property."

"This statement was called forth by a report to congress by the Postmaster General, in which he claimed that the railroads were being overpaid for the work of carrying the mails. The committee asserts, however, that the cost of carrying the mails is much greater than the Postmaster General estimates it to be, and that even his own figures demonstrate that the railroads are not fairly paid now for the work that they do and for the facilities that they furnish. The statement of the committee further calls attention to the fact that the inauguration of the parcels post will force the mail pay still further below the level of just compensation by enormously increasing the volume of matter transported."

"The people of the Pacific Northwest receive a large amount of mail over the O-W. R. & N. In connection with related lines we operate a fast mail train from Chicago to the coast. This train makes the best running time of any train on our lines. It is made up solely of mail and express cars. We are enabled by its operation to make prompt delivery of mail and articles sent by express. In Portland, for example, within three-quarters of an hour from the time of the arrival of the fast mail at 7:00 a. m. the letters are being distributed by the carriers. The mail clerks sort the mail by route on the trains. Equally prompt delivery is possible with the express."

"It costs a large amount to operate trains of this character. Our best engines are needed and used on these fast runs. Where there are heavy grades, two engines are used to maintain the schedule. New and expensive steel cars have been substituted for the wooden ones. These cars lighted and heated, are placed on station tracks for advance distribution often many hours before the departure of the trains. Mails are called for and delivered at a large proportion of the post-offices located at railway towns. "Enlarging the size and increasing the weight of the package which may be sent by mail, means a diminution in the number of packages which will be

sent by express. The railroad company is paid for the latter, but it is underpaid for the mail at present, and the parcels post will increase our work so that we are in a position to lose amounts that cannot be even approximately estimated at this time.

"The railroads are anxious to serve the people, but they cannot be expected to do this at a great loss entailed through the failure of the United States government to properly reimburse them for services rendered. Mail weighings are made quadrennially. Prior to the next weighing the mail carrying lines stand to lose immense sums.

"We are giving good service with our fast mail. We are meeting the demand for expeditious delivery. Should the demands of the mail service under the new conditions brought about by the inauguration of the parcels post necessitate an additional amount of equipment we may be compelled to curtail our service. This will not be done, however, if just compensation is received."

Don't Smoke or Drink Beer But Keep Clean

What he thinks of smoking, drinking and playing cards was told the students of the Oregon Agricultural College by Raymond Robbins, noted Chicago social worker, at the last college convocation.

"No man here enjoys a good cigar better than I, but it is thirteen years since I have quit smoking," he said. "It is just because I want all my power so that I can call upon this physical body of mine and go the limit when the hour of strain comes."

"The time was when I could toss three beers under my belt and think I was happy, when I was merely boozing. I stopped that thirteen years ago, for the same reason."

Speaking of card playing as a waste of time, Mr. Robbins said: "I like a great, clear, definite brain that wants to know. The solution of the problems of today will rest in a large measure on this kind of brain. You can not get me to waste what brains I have on futile, wasteful things. That is why I do not play cards. There are more important things to busy my mind with."

Creamery Doing Big Business

There is one industry in Prineville which the lack of railroad facilities seems to affect not in the least. That is the Pioneer Cream Company, which is putting out between 1400 and 1500 pounds of butter every week. This is eagerly sought for in the Portland and Dalles markets, so that the demand is never ending, and the Redmond stage is always loaded, if not with other matter then with butter. The creameries at Bend, Redmond and Terrebonne are said to be doing equally as well. Next thing we will be a cheese manufacturing center, than which no community has better advantages.—Review.

DIRECTOR NEWELL GIVES ADVICE ON IRRIGATION PLANS AND COSTS

Reclamation Official Tells Investors In Private Projects Not To Expect Work Can Be Done Less Than \$1 An Acre At The Lowest Rate

What does it cost to run private irrigation projects and what is the difference between these and the projects which are operated by the government?

To secure answers to the question Director F. H. Newell of the reclamation service has written to all the managers of private irrigation projects in the United States, including those of Oregon. The information when acquired will be used to aid private projects as a contribution by the government, says the Journal.

Investors in projects think operation and maintenance should be carried on for less than \$1 an acre, and they have discharged manager after manager endeavoring to get the cost below the dollar, says Mr. Newell.

"The result has been that the systems have greatly deteriorated and accidents have occurred at the critical times, resulting in crop losses or deduction in value of crops, far exceeding the great needed expenditure for effective operations and maintenance," says Mr. Newell. "In saving a few hundred dollars they have lost thousands."

"This condition will continue until definite facts are available concerning the real cost of operating the larger irrigation projects, and of maintaining them to the proper degree of efficiency."

"It is recognized that one of the commonest conditions, and one to be condemned by all right thinking men, is that of the new manager who tries to make a record by cutting down necessary expenditures for maintenance and in so doing permits the system to deteriorate, while he is apparently making good on his promise to operate the system at a less cost than his predecessor. The responsible men in every community should be awakened to the dangers of such deception and urged to see that the canal system as a whole is inspected each year by a competent small board of experts for the purpose of ascertaining that the system is not deteriorating to a dangerous degree."

Director Newell adds that the government finds it necessary to keep careful and business-like records of all work, and he advises the same plan as a guarantor of success for projects privately owned. In his letter he furnishes the project managers with the figures showing cost of operation of the Imperial Water company in the famous Imperial valley in southern California, where the melons are grown. These figures show that the company expenses were almost exactly \$1.70 an acre, the water rentals \$1.37 an acre additional, or a total cost to the farmer of \$3.05 per acre, or \$1.11 per acre foot, which is quite a low figure for a country where the water rights average \$12 an acre.

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CHILDREN MUST DO THE WORK TO WIN

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The following is sent us from the State School Superintendent: Last year, as near as we can get at it, there were about 60,000 children engaged in making or raising something with which to compete for prizes in the industrial contest. That was only a little start in the work, but it was a great stimulus to future effort. As a result of the inspiration gained last year we hope to have practically everyone of the 125,000 school children of the state engaged in some phase of this work this year.

To those who did not get interested last year, and are not familiar with the rules of the contest, we wish to say that they are very simple. The most important one is that the children must do the work themselves and that the parent or guardian will be required to sign a statement to that effect. In raising garden, some one else may plow the ground and harrow it, but the child must do the rest—the planting, cultivation, harvesting, etc. In raising poultry the child does not have to own the parent flock; but must set the eggs and feed and care for the chickens they exhibit.

One of the main objects of these contests is to get the boys and girls interested in doing something. To teach them to do something practical, something worth while, something by which they can earn a living when they grow up to manhood and womanhood. And the only way to learn how to do something is to do that with your own hands. If you show something that some one else has in any manner raised or made, you are cheating yourself out of the most valuable part of the contest—the experience gained by doing it yourself.

Not only that, but in showing something that is not the product of his own effort he is practicing deception, cultivating dishonesty and laying the foundation for a life of dishonor and trouble. He may be successful in deceiving others. No one but himself and the members of his own family may ever know that he has ever cheated, but that is enough. In doing what he knows is not right, he loses respect for himself, and that is a long step in the wrong direction. Whenever a person loses respect for himself he soon loses the confidence and respect of others. "To thy self be true, and it follows as the day follows night that to no other man thou canst be false." Every child should early in life get this principle firmly fixed in his mind, and through life never depart from it.

Parents, don't think you are favoring your child by giving or loaning him something to take to the fair to win a prize with, for you are not. On the other hand, you are doing him an absolute injustice. You are cheating him out of the valuable experience of learning how to do something, and at the same time educating him to be dishonest. Character building is the most important part of the early education of the child, and the greatest value in these industrial contests is along that line—forming in the child habits of industry, economy, system, honesty, self-reliance and all of the traits that go to make up the good citizen.

There will be many valuable prizes for the children at the State Fair again next year, but none of them will be worth as much as a clear conscience and the experience gained by raising or making something with which to win the prizes.

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